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Respectfully submitted,

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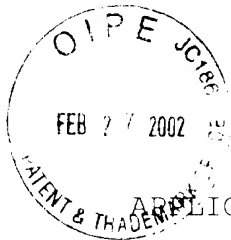
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Hannele TOLO et al. CONF NO: 4859  
SERIAL NO: 09/701,031 GROUP: 1646  
FILED: November 22, 2000 EXAMINER: Andres, J.L.  
FOR: METHOD FOR PREPARING VIRUS-SAFE PHARMACEUTICAL  
COMPOSITIONS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 27, 2002

Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated December 3, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

B<sup>1</sup>  
1. (Amended) Method of preparing a pharmaceutical composition of a biologically active protein, comprising the steps of adding to a solution of the protein a non-ionic detergent; subjecting the solution containing the non-ionic detergent to filtration on a virus removal filter with a pore size of 10 to 40 nm; and

recovering the filtrate.

B<sup>2</sup>  
5. (Amended) The method according to any of claims 1 to 4,

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